

PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD'S DECISION

APPELLANT: Peter Goss
DOCKET NO.: 03-22499.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 09-36-113-007-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Peter Goss, the appellant, by attorney Rusty A. Payton of the Law Offices of Rusty A. Payton, P.C., Chicago, Illinois; and the Cook County Board of Review.

The subject property consists of a 31-year old, one-story masonry dwelling containing 1,050 square feet of living area with a full, unfinished basement and a one-car garage.

The appellant submitted evidence before the Property Tax Appeal Board claiming unequal treatment in the assessment process as the basis of the appeal. In support of the equity argument, the appellant submitted a grid analysis detailing four suggested comparable properties. On the appellant's map, two of the comparables are located approximately one-half mile from the subject, and two are located approximately one mile from the subject. In the appellant's grid analysis, the comparables are listed as one-story frame or masonry dwellings that are 47 to 99 years old. Photographs supplied by the appellant, however, indicate that one of the comparables is actually a two-story frame dwelling. Three of the comparables have partial basements, and one has an unfinished basement. One comparable has central air conditioning. Information on garages was not disclosed, but photographs supplied by the appellant indicate that at least three comparables have a garage, either one-car or two-car. The comparables contain 1,195 to 1,306 square feet of living area and have improvement assessments of \$12.09 to \$13.94 per square foot. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$20.11 per square foot. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment.

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Based on the facts and exhibits presented, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds no change in the assessment of the property as established by the Cook County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND:	\$	6,433
IMPR.:	\$	21,116
TOTAL:	\$	27,549

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

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The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" wherein the subject's assessment was disclosed. In support of the subject's assessment, the board of review offered property characteristic sheets and a spreadsheet detailing two suggested comparable properties. One is located in close proximity of the subject, and the other is located in the same general area as the subject. The comparable properties consist of one-story frame or frame and masonry dwellings that are 47 or 50 years old. Each comparable has a full, finished basement, central air conditioning, and a fireplace. One comparable has a one-car garage, and the other has a three-car garage. The dwellings contain 1,092 or 1,104 square feet of living area and have improvement assessments of \$20.42 or \$21.39 per square foot. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

After reviewing the record and considering the evidence, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this appeal. The Property Tax Appeal Board further finds that a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted. The appellant's argument was unequal treatment in the assessment process. The Illinois Supreme Court has held that taxpayers who object to an assessment on the basis of lack of uniformity bear the burden of proving the disparity of assessment valuations by clear and convincing evidence. Kankakee County Board of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 131 Ill.2d 1 (1989). The evidence must demonstrate a consistent pattern of assessment inequities within the assessment jurisdiction. After an analysis of the assessment data, the Board finds the appellant has not overcome this burden.

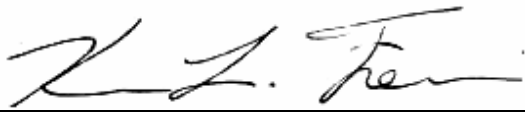
Both parties presented assessment data on a total of six equity comparables. The board of review's comparables and the appellant's comparables differed significantly in age, and all received reduced weight in the Board's analysis. As a result, none of the comparables was sufficiently similar to the subject to provide clear and convincing evidence that the property was inequitably assessed. The Board notes that all comparables had improvement assessments ranging from \$12.09 to \$21.39 per square foot. The subject's \$20.11 per square foot improvement assessment is within that range.

As a result of this analysis, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds the appellant has not adequately demonstrated that the subject dwelling was inequitably assessed by clear and convincing evidence and a reduction is not warranted.

This is a final administrative decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board are subject to review in the Circuit Court or Appellate Court under the provisions of the Administrative Review Law (735 ILCS 5/3-101 et seq.) and section 16-195 of the Property Tax Code.



Chairman



Member



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Member



Member

DISSENTING: _____

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

As Clerk of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board and the keeper of the Records thereof, I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and complete Final Administrative Decision of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board issued this date in the above entitled appeal, now of record in this said office.

Date: September 28, 2007



Clerk of the Property Tax Appeal Board

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code provides in part:

"If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel after the deadline for filing

complaints with the Board of Review or after adjournment of the session of the Board of Review at which assessments for the subsequent year are being considered, the taxpayer may, within 30 days after the date of written notice of the Property Tax Appeal Board's decision, appeal the assessment for the subsequent year directly to the Property Tax Appeal Board."

In order to comply with the above provision, YOU MUST FILE A PETITION AND EVIDENCE WITH THE PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE ENCLOSED DECISION IN ORDER TO APPEAL THE ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPERTY FOR THE SUBSEQUENT YEAR.

Based upon the issuance of a lowered assessment by the Property Tax Appeal Board, the refund of paid property taxes is the responsibility of your County Treasurer. Please contact that office with any questions you may have regarding the refund of paid property taxes.